LEGISLATIVE BRANCH: STATE LEGISLATORS BY DISTRICT





Senate Building

The Arizona Legislature



House of Representatives Building



(Most of Yavapai County and part of south central Mohave County)

Senator Ken Bennett

Senator Bennett was born August 1, 1959, in Tucson. He is an Arizona native. He was elected to the Senate in 1998. Senator Bennett serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Education; Family Services; and Finance, Vice Chairman. He is a Republican. Mr. Bennett attended Yavapai College and received his B.S. in accounting from Arizona State University. He is the CEO of Bennett's Oil Company in Prescott. Mr. Bennett served four years on the Prescott City Council and seven years on the State Board of Education. He and his wife, Jeanne, have three children.



Representative Linda Binder

Representative Binder has resided in Lake Havasu City for more than 17 years. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. She serves on the following committees: Academic Accountability, Vice Chairman; Banking and Insurance; and Judiciary, Vice Chairman. She is a Republican. Mrs. Binder is a former president of the Lake Havasu Chamber of Commerce and was involved in numerous boards and commissions before being elected to the Legislature. She has worked hard on bills that are important to her district and the state and continues to be an effective and experienced legislator who provides responsible and common sense leadership for rural Arizona. Mrs. Binder has been married for 23 years and has one daughter, Marisa.



Representative Barbara B. Blewster

Representative Blewster was born September 21, 1940, in Phoenix. She is an Arizona native. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. She serves on the following committees: Appropriations, Vice Chairman; Environment; and Federal Mandates and States' Rights. She is a Republican and has been a precinct committeeman for more than 20 years. She received her B.S. degree in business administration. She is a homemaker and has seven children whom she has home-schooled.



(S. Coconino, N. Yavapai, Hopi Reservation portion of Navajo, N. Gila, and N. Central Mohave Counties)



Senator John F. Wettaw



Senator Wettaw was born on April 17, 1939, in St. Louis, Missouri. He has been an Arizona resident 34 years and currently resides in Flagstaff. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1972 and was re-elected in 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, and 1990. He was then elected to the Senate in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Dr. Wettaw serves as Senate President Pro Tempore and on the following committees: Appropriations; Commerce, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Chairman; and Judiciary. He is a Republican. He received his B.A. in chemistry from Southern Illinois University and his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Michigan State University. Dr. Wettaw is a chemistry professor at Northern Arizona University.

Representative Joseph Hart



Representative Hart was born May 8, 1944, in Kingman. He is a third-generation Arizona native and currently resides in Kingman. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Representative Hart serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Environment, Vice Chairman; Judiciary; and Rules. He is a Republican. Mr. Hart is a businessman. He and his wife, Rhonda, have four children and two grandchildren.

Representative John Verkamp



Representative Verkamp was born July 31, 1940, in Grand Canyon Village, Arizona. He is a third-generation Arizona native and currently resides in Flagstaff. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Representative Verkamp serves on the following committees: Economic Development; Government Operations; and Health. He is a Republican. Mr. Verkamp received his Bachelor's degree and his J.D. from the University of Arizona. In 1980 he was elected Coconino County Attorney and was re-elected for two four-year terms. He served as president of the Arizona County Attorneys' and Sheriffs' Association 1985-1986. In 1985 and 1987, he was selected as Arizona County Attorney of the Year. Mr. Verkamp and his wife, Linda, have three children.



(N. Mohave, E. & N. Coconino, most of N. Navajo, and N. Apache Counties)

Senator Jack C. Jackson

Senator Jackson was born September 14, 1933, in Leupp. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in Window Rock. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1984 and was reelected in 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, and 1996. He was then elected to the Senate in 1998. Representative Jackson serves on the following committees: Appropriations, Education, and Government & Environmental Stewardship. He is a Democrat. Mr. Jackson is an educator and rancher. He received his Master's degree from Northern Arizona University and taught physical education in the public schools for 12 years. He also served Navajo Community College for five years as basketball coach, athletic director, physical education instructor, and Dean of Student Personnel Service. In addition, he served the Navajo Health Authority for five years as director of student affairs and director of Native Healing Science. He and his wife, Eloise, have four children.



Representative Tom Gordon

Representative Gordon resides in Peach Springs. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. He serves on the following committees: Environment; Rural and Native American Affairs, Vice Chairman; and Veterans and Military Affairs, Vice Chairman. He is a Bepublican. He is a businessman and is also a Naval Officer (Reserves).



Representative Sylvia Laughter

Representative Laughter resides in Kayenta. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. She serves on the following committees: Agriculture; Education; and Rural and Native American Affairs. She is a Democrat.



(S. Navajo, S. Apache, most of Gila, N.E. Pinal, N. Graham, and N. Greenlee Counties)



Senator Jack A. Brown



Senator Brown was born May 2, 1929, in St. Johns. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in St. Johns. Mr. Brown was elected to the House of Representatives in 1962 and was re-elected in 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, and 1972. He was again elected in 1986 and was re-elected in 1988, 1990, 1992, and 1994. He was then elected to the Senate in 1996 and re-elected in 1998. Senator Brown serves as Minority Leader and on the following committees: Commerce, Agriculture and Natural Resources; Finance; and Rules. He is a Democrat. Senator Brown received a degree in agriculture and economics from Brigham Young University. He is a rancher, a realtor, and a farmer. He is active in the following: Apache County Fair Commission; Arizona Farm Bureau; Arizona Cattle Growers' Association; Arizona Chamber of Commerce; Arizona Academy Town Hall; Apache County Board of Realtors; the Kiwanis Club; and the Boy Scouts of America.

Representative Debra L. Brimhall



Representative Brimhall was born August 13, 1958, in Cottonwood. She is an Arizona native and currently resides in Pinedale. Representative Brimhall was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. She serves on the following committees: Banking & Insurance, Chairman; Federal Mandates and States' Rights; and Government Reform. She is a Republican. Ms. Brimhall is a citizen activist and a volunteer lobbyist. She is married and has three sons. She has been a Scout leader for 20 years. She also home-schools her children. Representative Brimhall is the great-granddaughter of James Petersen, who resided in Pinedale and represented Navajo County in the Arizona House of Representatives, 1935-1936.

Representative Jake Flake



Representative Flake was born Aug. 4, 1935, in Snowflake where he continues to reside. He is an Arizona native. Elected to the House in 1996 and re-elected in 1998, he serves on the following committees: Agriculture, Vice Chair; Counties & Municipalities, Chair; Environment; and Natural Resources. He is a Republican. Mr. Flake is a graduate of Arizona State Univ. and, in his words, "the School of Hard Knocks." He is a cattle rancher. He currently sits on the Governor's Management Commission and is a member of the AZ State 4-H Foundation and the Farm Credit Services Southwest. He has served on the local school board and the Silver Creek Irrigation and the Navapache Hospital Boards and has been active in the Grand Canyon Council of the Boy Scouts for many years. He currently serves on the AZ Rural Health Board, the Snowflake Heritage Foundation, and the Governor's Growing Smarter Commission. He and his wife, Mary Louise, have 13 children and 35 grandchildren.



(All of Yuma, all of La Paz, W. Yavapai, and S. Mohave Counties)

Senator Herb Guenther

Senator Guenther was born April 9, 1941, in Mineola, New York. He has been an Arizona resident for 42 years. He was elected to the Senate in 1998. Senator Guenther previously served four terms in the House of Representatives. He serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Government & Environmental Stewardship; and Transportation. He is a Democrat. Senator Guenther received his A.A. degree from Glendale Community College and his B.S. degree from Arizona State University. He is a U.S. Air Force veteran and has worked for the Arizona Highway Department, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and the Wellton Mohawk Irrigation & Drainage District. He was president of the Colorado River Water Users Association, 1998-1999, and has served on the Board of Directors of the EXCEL Group, 1998 Chairman of Arizona Game and Fish, and as a past board member of the Mohawk Valley School District.



Representative Jim Carruthers

Representative Carruthers was born on December 4, 1940, in Alamosa, Colorado. He currently resides in Yuma. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Representative Carruthers serves on the following committees: Counties and Municipalities; International Trade, Technology and Tourism; and Veterans and Military Affairs, Chairman. He is a Republican. Dr. Carruthers was president of Arizona Western College before his retirement.



Representative Robert J. "Bob" McLendon

Representative McLendon was born November 24, 1936, in Rodney, Texas. He has been an Arizona resident 59 years and currently resides in Yuma. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1982 and was re-elected in 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, and 1998. Representative McLendon serves as Assistant Democratic Leader and on the following committees: Appropriations, Ranking Minority Member; and Education. He is a Democrat. He received his B.A. and M.A. in Secondary Education from Arizona State University. Mr. McLendon was a teacher at Yuma High School for 37 years, where he also coached basketball for 19 years. He is married to Sandy McLendon and has one daughter, Bobbi Jo Coxon, and two grandchildren, Andrew and T.J.



(Part of Maricopa County)



Senator John Huppenthal



Senator Huppenthal was born March 3, 1954, in Michigan City, Indiana. He has been an Arizona resident 43 years and currently resides in Chandler. He was elected to the Senate in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Senator Huppenthal serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Education, Chairman; Governmental and Environmental Stewardship, Vice Chairman; and Health. He is a Republican. Mr. Huppenthal is a Senior Planning Analyst with the Salt River Project. He served on the Chandler City Council from 1984 to 1992.

Representative Lori S. Daniels



Representative Daniels was born November 5, 1955, in Burlingame, California. She has been an Arizona resident 34 years and currently resides in Chandler. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Representative Daniels serves as Majority Leader and serves on the following committees: Children and Family Integrated Delivery Systems; and Ways and Means. She is a Republican. Ms. Daniels is an insurance agent with State Farm. She received her B.A. in Management from the University of Phoenix. She is also a graduate of Valley Leadership Class 12 and received her CLU designation in 1991. Ms. Daniels has been active in the Chandler Chamber of Commerce, the Chandler Ostrich Festival, United Way, Junior Achievement, and Soroptimists. She has received the Small Business Person of the Year, President's, and Chamber Cup Awards from the Chandler Chamber of Commerce.

Representative Richard Kyle



Representative Kyle was born July 31, 1960, in Flint, Michigan. He has been an Arizona resident for 13 years and currently resides in Chandler. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992. He was elected again to the House in 1996 and re-elected in 1998. Representative Kyle serves on the following committees: Commerce; Economic Development, Chairman; and International Trade, Technology and Tourism. He is a Republican. Mr. Kyle received his B.S. from Eastern Michigan Univ. in Ypsilanti. He is a tour manager for Springboard Production and has served as a fundraising consultant for RK Communications; Director of Administration for the U.S. Census Bureau; and Executive Director of the Epilepsy Society of AZ. He has also served on several boards.



(S. tip of Gila, S. & E. Maricopa, and most of Pinal Counties)

Senator Peter Rios

Senator Rios was born May 27, 1949. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in Hayden. He was elected to the Senate in 1982 and was re-elected in 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, and 1992. He was elected again to the Senate in 1996 and re-elected in 1998. Senator Rios serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Commerce, Agriculture & Natural Resources; and Judiciary. Mr. Rios served as the first Hispanic Senate President, 1990-1992. He and daughter, Rebecca, are the first father-daughter legislative team in Arizona. In 1997 Senator Rios was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Western Legislative Conference and to the Community Notification Guidelines Committee. He is a Democrat. Mr. Rios received his A.A. from Phoenix College and his B.A. and M.S.W. from Arizona State University. He and his wife, Gloria, have three children.



Representative Harry R. Clark

Representative Clark was born June 13, 1936, in Tucson. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in Mammoth. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Representative Clark serves on the following committees: Agriculture; Natural Resources; and Transportation. He is a Democrat. Mr. Clark is a retired boilermaker. He and his wife, Alice, have eight children and 19 grandchildren.



Representative Rebecca A. Rios

Representative Rios was born June 4, 1967, in Tucson. She is an Arizona native and currently resides in Phoenix. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Representative Rios serves on the following committees: Children and Family Integrated Delivery Systems; Health; and Human Services. She is a Democrat. Ms. Rios received her B.S.W. in Social Work from Arizona State University. She has been certified by the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners and is employed by Pinal/Gila Behavioral Health Association in Apache Junction. Ms. Rios is a member of the American Council of Young Political Leaders, Women in Government, and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Women's Network Advisory Council. Ms. Rios has one son, Diego.



(Most of Cochise, S. Graham, S. Greenlee, S.E. Santa Cruz Counties)



Senator Gus Arzberger



Senator Arzberger was born October 29, 1921, in the Kansas Settlement southeast of Willcox, on a farm and ranch his parents homesteaded in 1908. He is an Arizona native and currently resides two miles from where he was born. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1984 and was re-elected in 1986. He was then elected to the Senate in 1988 and was re-elected in 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, and 1998. Senator Arzberger serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Commerce, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Vice Chairman; and Health. He is also a member of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Joint Committee on Capital Review. He is a Democrat. Mr. Arzberger is a retired farmer/rancher and a World War II veteran. He is a member of the Willcox Chamber of Commerce, the Elks Club, the VFW, and several Democratic Clubs in his district. He and his wife, Marsha, have two children, two stepchildren, five grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

Representative Gail Griffin



Representative Griffin has resided in Cochise County for more than 32 years. She was elected to the House in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. She serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Federal Mandates & States' Rights, Vice Chair; Natural Resources, Chair; the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Veterans' Facilities; the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Effluent Reuse, Chairman; and the Protective Services Caseload Standards Committee-2000. She is a Republican. She serves on the Environment Committees of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). In addition, she serves on the AZ Water Banking Authority Commission, the Arizona Water Protection Fund, the Rural Business Incubator Commission, and the AZ Housing Commission. Ms. Griffin has been in the real estate profession 25 years and is a licensed real estate broker.

Representative Mark Maiorana



Representative Maiorana was born November 8, 1956, in Detroit, MI. He moved to Arizona in 1974. He currently resides in Patagonia. He attended Pima Community College, 1986-1988, and the University of Arizona, Sierra Vista Campus, in 1993. He ran unsuccessfully for the House of Representatives in 1996. He was elected to the House in 1998. He serves on the following committees: Counties and Municipalities; Government Operations; and Veterans and Military Affairs. He is a Democrat. Mr. Maiorana served as a radio news director, 1978-1995. From 1995-1998, he was the owner/publisher of the *Weekly Bulletin* and *Weekly Arizonan* in Santa Cruz County. He is married to Marcia.



(S.W. Cochise, S. & E. Pima, and N.E. Santa Cruz Counties)

Senator Keith A. Bee

Senator Bee was born December 12, 1965, in Tucson. He is a third-generation Arizonan and currently resides in Tucson. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1990. He was then elected to the Senate in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Senator Bee serves on the following committees: Financial Institutions and Retirement, Vice Chairman; Health; and Transportation, Chairman. He is a Republican. Senator Bee received his B.S. degree in business and agriculture from the University of Arizona. Mr. Bee is a businessman. He and his wife, Robin, have two children.



Representative William A. "Bill" McGibbon

Representative McGibbon was born April 24, 1943, in Evanston, Illinois. He has been an Arizona resident 31 years and currently resides in Green Valley. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. He serves on the following committees: Agriculture; Natural Resources, Vice Chairman; and Ways and Means, Chairman. He is a Republican. Mr. McGibbon received his B.S. from the University of Pennsylvania. He served with the U.S. Navy for four years. He is president of Santa Rita Ranch, Inc. Mr. McGibbon is active in the Arizona Cattle Industry Research and Education Foundation; the National, Arizona, and Southern Arizona Cattlemen's Associations; the Arizona 4H Youth Foundation; the Green Valley Community Fund; the Green Valley Rotary Club and Foundation; and many others. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children.



Representative Lou-Ann M. Preble

Representative Preble was born September 26, 1929, in Sumter, South Carolina. She has been an Arizona resident 29 years and currently resides in Tucson. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Representative Preble serves on the following committees: Health, Vice Chairman; Rural and Native American Affairs, Chairman; and Veterans and Military Affairs. She is a Republican. Mrs. Preble was graduated from the Tuomey Hospital School of Nursing, Sumter, SC. She is a Registered Nurse. Mrs. Preble and her husband, a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, have 11 children, eight of whom are living in Tucson or neighboring communities with their families, and 12 granddaughters and 12 grandsons.



(Part of Pima County)



Senator Victor E. Soltero



Senator Soltero was born August 6, 1938, in Globe. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in South Tucson. He was appointed to the Senate in 1991, was elected in 1992, and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Senator Soltero serves on the following committees: Education; and Family Services. He is a Democrat. Senator Soltero attended Pima Community College. He retired from the Tucson Unified School District in 1991 where he served as Grounds Maintenance Field Supervisor. He served with the Arizona Air National Guard. Senator Soltero formerly served as the Mayor of the City of South Tucson from 1988 to 1991. He also served as a Councilman for the City of South Tucson from 1980 to 1988. The Arizona Parks & Recreation Association named Senator Soltero their Outstanding Public Official in 1997. Senator Soltero serves on many study committees and is active in his community.

Representative Sally A. Gonzales



Representative Gonzales was born October 2, 1957, in Brawley, California. She currently resides in Tucson. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Ms. Gonzales serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Government Operations; and Public Institutions & Universities. She is a Democrat. Mrs. Gonzales received her B.A. in Elementary Education from AZ State Univ. and her M.A. in Multicultural Education from the Univ. of AZ. She has served as a bilingual classroom teacher with the Tucson Unified School District and as the program coordinator, Manos A La Vida, University of Arizona. She is a member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Mrs. Gonzales has been active with her tribe and with the Governor's Commission on Violence Against Women, the Pima Prevention Partnership, National Indian Health, the Tucson Metropolitan Commission on Urban Native American Affairs, and the Tucson Unified School District. She and her husband, Luis, have five daughters.

Representative Ramón O. Valadez



Representative Valadez was born in Tucson. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in Tucson. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Representative Valadez serves on the following committees: Commerce; Rules; and Ways & Means. He is a Democrat. Mr. Valadez received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Arizona. He has served as an intern for Pima County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom, an assistant to U.S. Senator Dennis DeConcini, and as a special assistant to Supervisor Eckstrom. He also coordinated the Southern Arizona campaign for U.S. Representative Ed Pastor and for the gubernatorial campaign of Eddie Basha. Mr. Valadez has been active in political and community affairs and has received numerous awards for his community service.



(S.W. Maricopa, W. Pima, S.W. Pinal, and W. Santa Cruz Counties)

Senator Elaine Richardson

Senator Richardson was born September 23, 1943, in Bristol, Rhode Island. She has been an Arizona resident 26 years and currently resides in Tucson. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994. She was then elected to the Senate in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Senator Richardson serves on the following committees: Government and Environmental Stewardship; Health; and Transportation. She is a Democrat. Senator Richardson attended Bryant College, Pima Community College, Language Studies International, Brodsky School of Real Estate; Hogan School of Real Estate; and the University of Arizona Study Abroad Program. She received an Honorary Doctorate from Tucson University. Ms. Richardson is a commercial real estate broker. She has received many awards.



Representative Carmine Cardamone

Representative Cardamone currently resides in Tucson. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Representative Cardamone serves on the following committees: Federal Mandates & States' Rights; Government Reform; Natural Resources; and Rural & Native American Affairs. He is a Democrat. Mr. Cardamone is a personal living skills instructor.



Representative Debora Norris

Representative Norris currently resides in Tucson. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Representative Norris serves on the following committees: Commerce; Transportation; and Veterans and Military Affairs. She is a Democrat. Ms. Norris is a businesswoman.



(N. Central Pima and S. Pinal Counties)



Senator Ann Day



Senator Day was born August 10, 1938, in El Paso, Texas. She is a lifelong Arizona resident and currently resides in Tucson. She was elected to the Senate in 1990 and was re-elected in 1992, 1994, 1996, and 1998. Senator Day serves on the following committees: Commerce, Agriculture & Natural Resources; Judiciary; and Rules. She is a Republican. Ms. Day received her B.A. in Education from Arizona State University and her M.ED. in Counseling and Guidance from the University of Arizona. The daughter of a pioneering ranching family, she grew up on the ranch that her grandfather started in 1880. She was later Corporate Director of the Lazy B Cattle Company that her family operated for 114 years. She has served as a junior high school teacher and a marriage and family therapist with the Pima County Conciliation Court, and she has been active in the community and served on various boards and commissions. She was the first woman appointed to the State Industrial Commission.

Representative Steve Huffman



Representative Huffman resides in Tucson. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. He serves on the following committees: Commerce; Counties and Municipalities, Vice Chairman; and International Trade, Technology and Tourism, Vice Chairman. Mr. Huffman received in B.A. from the Univ. of Arizona. He has been a licensed real estate agent since 1987. He served as an intern for U.S. Senator John McCain and as campaign manager and finance director for Congressman Jim Kolbe, 1990-1998. He has also served in the U.S. Naval Reserves, 1997-present. In addition, he has been a volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southern Arizona, 1995-present, and a member of the Board of Directors, 1999-present. Mr. Huffman attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1987 and then served as an assistant troop scoutmaster, 1987-1989. He is a Republican. Mr. Huffman and his wife, Letty, were recently married.

Representative Dan H. Schottel



Representative Schottel was born August 10, 1935, in St. Louis, Missouri. He has been an Arizona resident 40 years and currently resides in Tucson. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Representative Schottel serves on the following committees: Academic Accountability; Education, Chairman; and Public Institutions and Universities. He is a Republican. Mr. Schottel attended the University of Arizona majoring in accounting. He is a semi-retired businessman. He and his wife, Eileen, have two children. Mr. Schottel also has two children from a previous marriage as well as four grandchildren.



(N.E. Pima County)

Senator George R. Cunningham

Senator Cunningham was born February 15, 1945, in Nashua, New Hampshire. He has been an Arizona resident 41 years and currently resides in Tucson. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, serving as House Minority Whip, 1995-1996. He was then elected to the Senate in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Senator Cunningham serves on the following committees: Finance; Financial Institutions & Retirement; and Health. He is a Democrat. Mr. Cunningham received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Public Administration from the University of Arizona (UA). He worked for the UA for 15 years and served as Vice President for Administrative Services from 1985 to 1988. Governor Rose Mofford appointed him to her transition team and he served as her chief of staff for two years. In 1997, he was elected as a Fellow to the National Academy of Public Administration. He is presently engaged in property investments. He and his wife, Marjorie, have three children.



Representative Kathleen Dunbar

Representative Dunbar was born October 3, 1950, in Des Moines, Iowa. She currently resides in Tucson. When she was 12 years old, her family moved to Bombay, India, where her father was an executive with Firestone Tyre and Rubber. Mrs. Dunbar graduated from high school in Des Moines in 1968 and Ellsworth Jr. College in 1970. Prior to politics, Mrs. Dunbar had a 15-year career in broadcast television and radio sales and management. She moved to Tucson in 1985 where she was sales manager for KGUN Television. However, before election to office, Mrs. Dunbar was most noted for her work with the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. She serves on the following committees: Commerce, Vice Chairman; Rural and Native American Affairs; and Transportation. She is a Republican. She was selected Freshman of the Year in 1999 by NARL. She is married.



Representative Andrew W. Nichols, M.D.

Representative Nichols was born January 29, 1937, in Bardstown, Kentucky. He has been an Arizona resident 45 years and currently resides in Tucson. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Representative Nichols serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Environment; and Program Authorization Review. He is a Democrat. Dr. Nichols received his A.B. from Swarthmore College with honors, his M.D. from Stanford Univ. Medical School, and his M.P.H. from the Harvard Univ. School of Public Health. He is a professor of Family and Community Medicine and Director of the Rural Health Office at the Univ. of Arizona. He served as Medical Director for the Peace Corps in Peru and is active in several U.S.-Mexico border health organizations and various professional associations. He has received several fellowships. Dr. Nichols and his wife, Ann, have three children.



(Part of Pima County)



Senator Ruth L. Solomon



Senator Solomon was born April 16, 1941, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has been an Arizona resident 40 years and currently resides in Tucson. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1988 and was re-elected in 1990 and 1992. She was then elected to the Senate in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Senator Solomon serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Judiciary; Rules; and Ethics. She is a Democrat. Ms. Solomon was graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Arizona with her B.A. in Education. Senator Solomon and her husband, Arthur, have one child and one grandchild. A recipient of many awards for her work with children and families, Senator Solomon is a retired teacher.

Representative Herschella L. Horton



Representative Horton was born December 15, 1938, in Lawrenceville, Illinois. She has been an Arizona resident 34 years and currently resides in Tucson. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1990 and was re-elected in 1992, 1994, 1996, and 1998. She serves on the following committees: Environment; Health; and Rules. She is a Democrat and serves as Assistant Democratic Leader. Ms. Horton is a registered nurse and holds a Bachelor's degree in Management. She has received numerous awards, including the Mental Health Leadership Award from the Arizona State Hospital, 1999; Legislator of the Year from the Arizona Psychological Association, 1992 and 1998; Distinguished Legislator from the National Alliance for the Mentally III, 1998; and the Healing Heart from the Gladys Taylor McGarey Medical Foundation, 1998. She was the State Director of Women in Government, 1995-1999.

Representative Marion L. Pickens



Representative Pickens was born January 5, 1932, in Honolulu, Hawaii. She has been an Arizona resident 38 years and currently resides in Tucson. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1990. She was elected again in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Representative Pickens serves on the following committees: Academic Accountability; Banking and Insurance; Education; and Ways and Means. She is a Democrat. Mrs. Pickens earned her B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles. After receiving her teaching certificate in Arizona, she earned two M.Ed. degrees, one in Reading and the other in Counseling, from the University of Arizona. Mrs. Pickens is a retired teacher. She has been active in educational and community activities and has received recognition and awards for her many contributions. She and her husband, Peter, have three children and five grandchildren.



(W. Maricopa and W. Pinal Counties)

Senator Edward J. Cirillo

Senator Cirillo was born February 2, 1934, in Troy, New York. He has been an Arizona resident for 9 years and currently resides in Sun City West. He was elected to the Senate in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. He serves on the following committees: Appropriations, Vice Chairman; Finance; Financial Institutions & Retirement, Chairman; and Transportation. He is a Republican. He received his B.B.A. from Siena College and his M.A. from the State University of New York in Binghamton. He served with the U.S. Army for two years. He retired after 31 years as a financial and accounting manager with the IBM Corp. He served as a village trustee in Tarrytown, NY; president, Rotary Club; Exalted Ruler, Elks Lodge; Trustee, Sun City Museum of Art; and board member, Arizonans for Cultural Development. He and his wife, Regina, have three children and two grandchildren.



Representative Lowell S. "Mike" Gleason

Representative Gleason was born September 12, 1926, in Boone, Iowa. He has been an Arizona resident for ten years and currently resides in Sun City West. He was appointed to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Representative Gleason serves on the following committees: Agriculture, Chairman; Environment; and Rules. He is a Republican. Dr. Gleason received a B.S. degree in Forestry from Iowa State University; an M.S. degree in Range Management from Texas A&M University; and a Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from Iowa State University. He is a retired grain researcher.



Representative Jerry B. Overton

Representative Overton was born December 26, 1933, in Kansas City, Missouri. He has been an Arizona resident 20 years and currently resides in Litchfield Park. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Representative Overton serves on the following committees: Agriculture; Natural Resources; and Transportation, Chairman. He is a Republican. Mr. Overton, who received his Master's degree from the Missouri School of Mines, Rolla, MO, is a retired manufacturing executive. He is married and has two children and three grandchildren.



(Part of Maricopa County)



Senator Darden C. Hamilton



Senator Hamilton was born November 28, 1956, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has been an Arizona resident for 14 years. Senator Hamilton was elected to the Senate in 1998. He serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Finance; Health; and Transportation, Vice Chairman. He also serves on the Legislative Council, the Arizona Space Commission, and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. He received an A.S. and a B.S. degree from Parks College of St. Louis University. He is a Republican. Mr. Hamilton has served as a flight test engineer at McDonnell Aircraft Co., and Cessna Aircraft Co., and is presently Principal Flight Test Engineer for Honeywell International in Phoenix. He is experienced in all areas of flight testing in such diverse programs as the YAV-8B Harrier II prototype to Cessna P210s. Senator Hamilton and his wife, Linda, have two sons.

Representative Linda Gray



Representative Gray was born in St. Charles, Missouri, and currently resides in Phoenix. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Representative Gray serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Education, Vice Chairman; and Public Institutions and Universities. She is a Republican. She received the 2000 "Making a Difference" Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for her leadership in passing DUI legislation. Mrs. Gray is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado. She served as a member of the Washington Elementary School Board for three years. Mrs. Gray is a note-reader Scopist. She and her husband, Phoenix Police Lt. Larry Gray, have two children.

Representative James P. "Jim" Weiers



Representative Weiers was born September 8, 1953, in Deadwood, South Dakota. He has been an Arizona resident 24 years and currently resides in Phoenix. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Representative Weiers serves on the following committees: Banking and Insurance; Government Reform; and Rules. He is a Republican and serves as Majority Whip. Mr. Weiers is president of BHFC Financial Corporation. He is married and the father of four children.



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Senator Brenda A. Burns

Senate President Burns was born November 22, 1950, in LaGrange, Georgia. She has been an Arizona resident 28 years and currently resides in Glendale. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1986 and was re-elected in 1988, 1990, and 1992. During her last term, she served as Arizona's first woman House Majority Leader. She was then elected to the Senate in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. She was selected as Arizona's first woman Senate President in 1997. Senator Burns serves on the following: the Legislative Council, Chairman '99, Vice Chairman '00; and the Joint Legislative Audit (ex officio) and the Joint Legislative Tax Committees, Chairman '99, Vice Chairman '00. She is the immediate past chairman of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). She is a Republican. She and her husband, Dr. Bruce Burns, have three children and one grandchild.



Representative Robert L. "Bob" Burns

Representative Burns was born May 26, 1938, in Rolfe, Iowa. He has been an Arizona resident 36 years and currently resides in Glendale. He was elected to the House in 1988 and was reelected in 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, and 1998. He serves on the following committees: Appropriations, Chairman; Program Authorization Review; and Ways and Means. He is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Burns were sole stockholders in BGM Investments, Inc., dba Mary Moppets and Rainbow Elementary Prep School, 1971-1997; "The Christmas Cottage" gifts and collectibles, 1996-present; and Sun City Dairy Queen, 1997-present. He is a member of the Glendale Kachina Rotary Club, the Republican Forum West, the Sun City Republican Club, and the Amer. Legislative Exchange Council. He and his wife, Gayle, have two adult children and four grandchildren.



Representative Jean M. McGrath

Representative McGrath was born December 23, 1935, in Muskegon, Michigan. She has been an Arizona resident since 1940 and currently resides in Glendale. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Representative McGrath serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Government Operations; and Public Institutions and Universities, Chairman. She is a Republican. Mrs. McGrath and her husband are farmers. Their farm, McGrath-Zvida Growers, is a plant propagation nursery.



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Senator Marc L. Spitzer



Senator Spitzer was born September 12, 1957, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has been an Arizona resident for 18 years and currently resides in Phoenix. He was elected to the Senate in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. Senator Spitzer is chairman of the Judiciary Committee and also serves on the following committees: Family Services, Vice Chairman; Government and Environmental Stewardship; Rules; and Ethics. He is a Republican. Senator Spitzer graduated second in his class from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated with honors from the University of Michigan Law School. He was admitted to the Arizona Bar in 1982. He currently is a tax attorney with KPMG/Peat Marwick, representing taxpayers bringing suit against the Internal Revenue Service. Senator Spitzer is a certified specialist in tax law. He and his wife, Jacqueline, have one child. He has received numerous awards and is very active in his community.

Representative Susan M. Gerard



Representative Gerard was born June 13, 1950, in Englewood, New Jersey. She has been an Arizona resident 27 years and currently resides in Phoenix. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1988 and was re-elected in 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, and 1998. Representative Gerard serves on the following committees: Academic Accountability; Health, Chairman; and Judiciary. She is a Republican. Mrs. Gerard received her B.S. in Business Administration from Drake University, Des Moines, IA, and her M.B.A. from Arizona State University. She is married to Phil Gerard and they have two grown children.

Representative Barry Wong



Representative Wong was born April 29, 1959, in Phoenix. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in Phoenix. He was appointed to the House in 1993; was elected in 1994, and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. He serves on the following committees: International Trade, Technology and Tourism, Chairman; Judiciary; Program Authorization Review; Ways and Means; and Joint Legislative Audit. He is a Republican. Mr. Wong received his B.S., magna cum laude, in Accounting from Arizona State University, and his J.D. from the University of Arizona College of Law. He is currently an attorney, counselor, and consultant-at-law with an emphasis on business, corporate, technology, and international law. Community activities include the YMCA; Valley of the Sun School; World Affairs Council of Arizona; the Fiesta Bowl; Arizona Asian American Association; University of Arizona National Alumni Board; and Make-A-Difference.



(N. central Maricopa County)

Senator Scott A. Bundgaard

Senator Bundgaard was born January 11, 1968, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He has been an Arizona resident 32 years and currently resides in Phoenix. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994. He was then elected to the Senate in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Senator Bundgaard serves on the following committees: Finance, Chairman; Agriculture and Natural Resources; and Financial Institutions and Retirement. He is a Republican. Senator Bundgaard received his B.S. in Business Administration from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, in 1990. He has also taken courses in the IBM Executive Education program at the Wharton School of Business and the postgraduate MBA program at Arizona State University. He is a stockbroker for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. He is also involved with the American Legislative Exchange Council.



Representative Ted Carpenter

Representative Carpenter was born December 7, 1951, in Fort Worth, Texas. He has been an Arizona resident for 43 years. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. He serves on the following committees: Economic Development, Vice Chairman; Program Authorization Review, Vice Chairman; Public Institutions and Universities, Vice Chairman; and Rural and Native American Affairs. He is a Republican. He received a business associate degree from Tarant County Junior College and a fire science degree from Phoenix College. He retired after 25 years of service with the Phoenix Fire Department. He currently serves on the Deer Valley Unified School District Governing Board. He also serves as a board member on the Valley Schools Insurance Trust and the Valley School Workers' Compensation Pool. Mr. Carpenter has two children.



Representative Roberta L. Voss

Representative Voss was born January 21, 1965, in LaMesa, CA. She has been an Arizona resident for 28 years and currently resides in Phoenix. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. She serves on the following committees: Counties and Municipalities; Economic Development; Judiciary; and Program Authorization Review, Chairman; and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, Chairman. She is a Republican. Ms. Voss received her B.A. from the University of Redlands in Redlands, CA in 1987, and her J.D. from Creighton Univ. School of Law, Omaha, NE, in 1994. She is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council and the National Conference of State Legislatures. She is the chairman of the YMCA Youth and Government Steering Committee, serves on the advisory board of the Red Means Stop Coalition, and is a board member for the National Order of Women Legislators. Ms. Voss is an attorney.



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Senator Mary E. Hartley



Senator Hartley was born August 16, 1954, in Bronx, New York. She has been an Arizona resident 27 years and currently resides in Phoenix. She was elected to the Senate in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Senator Hartley serves on the following committees: Family Services; Health; and Transportation. She is a Democrat. She served on the Alhambra Elementary School District's Governing Board for eight years. She has received awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving; the Sierra Club; the Audubon Council; and the Coalition for Tobacco Free Arizona. In addition she was presented the All Arizona School Board Award of Excellence in 1995 and the National Award as a Program Organizer for School Volunteers by the National Association of Partners in Education in 1992. Senator Hartley is committed to expanding volunteer programs and is also a voice for education. She and her husband, John, have three children and one grandchild.

Representative Bill Brotherton



Representative Brotherton was born August 11, 1962, in Phoenix. He is a third-generation Arizona native. He received his B.A. from Grand Canyon College in 1984 and his J.D. from the Univ. of Arizona in 1987. In 1984 he served as an intern for Representatives Larry Hawke and Jim Hartdegen. He was a research assistant for Simon Hughes, a member of the British Parliament in 1985. He was admitted to practice law in Arizona in 1988 and in the U.S. District Court of Arizona. He also served with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office, 1988-1991; managed a branch office for Bresnehan, Gentile and Shriver, 1991-1992; and has managed the Arrowhead office for Van O'Steen and Partners, 1992-present. He was appointed to the House in March 1998 and was elected in 1998. He serves on the following committees: Banking and Insurance; Federal Mandates and States' Rights; and Judiciary. Mr. Brotherton is an attorney. He is a Democrat. He and his wife, Uta, have two children.

Representative Kathi Foster



Representative Foster was born January 21, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois. She has been an Arizona resident 42 years and currently resides in Phoenix. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Representative Foster serves on the following committees: Academic Accountability; Children and Family Integrated Delivery Systems; and Education. She is a Democrat. Mrs. Foster is a homemaker. She is a former member, past president, and clerk of the Governing Board of the Cartwright School District. She is also a member of the National Order of Woman Legislators, a Commissioner for the Education Commission of the States, a member of Democratic leadership Council, and a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures. She and her husband, David, have five children.



(E. Maricopa County, W. Pinal County)

Senator Russell W. "Rusty" Bowers

Senator Bowers was born October 20, 1952. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in Mesa. He attended Mesa Community College and Arizona State University and graduated cum laude from Brigham Young University with a B.F.A. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994. He was elected to the Senate in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Senator Bowers serves on the following committees: Education; Family Services; Government and Environmental Stewardship; and Rules, Vice Chairman. He has served as Majority Leader, 1998-present. He is a Republican. Senator Bowers is an artist, sculptor, and designer. He and his wife, Donetta, have seven children.



Representative Dean Cooley

Representative Cooley was born January 4, 1934, in Mesa. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in Mesa. He attended Arizona State University taking continuing education courses. He was elected to the House in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. He serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Government Reform, Chairman; and Transportation, Vice Chairman. He is a Republican. Mr. Cooley has served as the President/CEO of a retail and wholesale lumber co. since 1970. He was also the General Manager, 1960-1980, and President/CEO, 1976-1980, of Lumberjack Industries, Inc. He served as a board member of the State Compensation Fund. Mr. Cooley has been a Boy Scouts committee chairman and a member of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce, the Arizona Lumber and Building Materials Dealer Association, and the National Federation of Independent Business. He and his wife, Janet, have eight children, 39 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



Representative Marilyn Jarrett

Representative Jarrett was born March 4, 1939, in Snowflake. She is an Arizona native and currently resides in Mesa. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and was reelected in 1996 and 1998. She serves on the following committees: Ethics, Chairman; Human Services; Judiciary, Chairman; Rules; and Ways and Means. Among the bills she has sponsored are: regulation of sexually oriented businesses, establishing the auto theft authority, requiring parental consent of a minor before abortions, and banning of partial-birth abortions. She has also sponsored resolutions regarding Arizona's clean air laws, providing funding for schools to establish reading clinics for K-3 grades, providing alternative fuel vehicles incentives, and lowering the vehicle license tax. Mrs. Jarrett is a Republican. She is a retired business owner and owned an orthodontics lab. She and her husband, Howard, have five children and 11 grandchildren.



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Senator Joe Eddie Lopez



Senator Lopez was born December 8, 1939, in Duran, New Mexico. He has been an Arizona resident 47 years and currently resides in Phoenix. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1990 and was re-elected in 1992 and 1994. He was elected to the Senate in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Senator Lopez serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Education; and Family Services. His family traveled the migrant stream before settling permanently in Maricopa County in 1949. He attended Arizona State University. He is a Democrat. Mr. Lopez served on the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors from 1972 to 1976. He also served for six years on the Phoenix Union High School District Governing Board. Mr. Lopez served a five-year apprenticeship and worked as a journeyman steamfitter. He also worked for the Arizona Department of Transportation and as president of a housing development corporation. He and his wife, Rosie, have two children and two grandchildren.

Representative John Loredo



Representative Loredo was born September 27, 1967, in Phoenix. He is a fourth-generation Arizona native and currently resides in Phoenix. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Representative Loredo serves on the following committees: Health; Human Services; and Judiciary. He is a Democrat and serves as Democratic Whip. Mr. Loredo has served on many boards, including the Phoenix Community Development Review Committee and the Phoenix Police Department's Tactical Review Task Force. He is a member of the board of directors for Arizonans for Cultural Development and the Friendly House; a member the Southwest Community Policy Forum and Flemming Fellows Class of 1999, Center for Policy Alternatives; a member of the advisory council of the Children's Action Alliance-Project Familia; and first president and founding member of League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Young Adult Council, 1990.

Representative Richard Miranda



Representative Miranda was born March 6, 1956, in Phoenix where he currently resides. He is an Arizona native. He attended the University of Arizona majoring in political science. He served as an aide to U.S. Representative Morris Udall and an assistant to the mayor of Phoenix. Mr. Miranda was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. He serves on the following committees: International Trade, Technology and Tourism; Program Authorization Review; Public Institutions and Universities. He is a Democrat. Mr. Miranda is a consultant with Miranda Law Offices. He has volunteered his time as a member of Friendly House since 1978 and also served as a housing counselor for Chicanos por la Causa in 1980. Mr. Miranda has coached various children's sports since 1976. He has four children.



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Senator Linda G. Aguirre

Senator Aguirre was born July 12, 1951, in Flagstaff. She is an Arizona native and currently resides in Phoenix. A Democrat, she was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994 and 1996. She was elected to the Senate in 1998. Mrs. Aguirre serves on the following committees: Education, Vice Chairman; Financial Institutions and Retirement; Judiciary; and Rules. Mrs. Aguirre has a B.A. in Elementary Education and a Master's in Educational Administration and Supervision from Arizona State University. Her experience includes ten years of teaching and three years in administration. She holds both a Teaching and a Principal's Certificate, and a Supervisory Certification in Education. Her community involvement includes eight years on the Roosevelt School District Board; YMCA Board; and the South Mountain Little League Board. She also served as National Hispanic School Board Assn. President. Mrs. Aguirre and her husband, John, have two children, Eric and Stephanie.



Representative Carlos Avelar

Representative Avelar resides in Phoenix. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. He serves on the following committees: Commerce; Economic Development; and Transportation. He is a Democrat.



Representative Leah Landrum

Representative Landrum was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. She was born August 23, 1966, in Phoenix. She is a graduate of Xavier College Preparatory School and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in political science from Arizona State University. She serves on the following committees: Counties and Municipalities; Government Reform; and Ways and Means. She is a Democrat and was elected Precinct Committeeperson for District 23's Sierra Vista precinct. She is also currently the second vice-chair of the Arizona Democratic Party's 23rd District. Ms. Landrum is a businesswoman/entrepreneur. She is the founder and vice-president of the Landrum Foundation, a nonprofit organization designed to afford financial support and preparation for students throughout their postsecondary education. Representative Landrum is married to Gregory Taylor, an electronic engineering technician.



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Senator Sue Grace



Senator Grace was born January 31, 1958, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She has been an Arizona resident for 15 years and currently resides in Phoenix. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1990 and was re-elected in 1992 and 1994. She was elected to the Senate in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Senator Grace serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Commerce, Agriculture and Natural Resources; Financial Institutions and Retirement; and Health, Chairman. She is a Republican. Ms. Grace received her B.A. in Journalism from Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. She is a member of the Paradise Valley Chamber of Commerce and a board member of Mentally Ill Kids In Distress (MIKID). In 1993 she received the Outstanding Leadership Award from the Arizona Transit Association. She and her husband have two children.

Representative Tom Horne



Representative Horne was born in 1945 in Montreal, Canada. He currently resides in Phoenix. He was graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College in 1967 and with honors from Harvard Law School in 1970. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Representative Horne serves on the following committees: Academic Accountability, Chairman; Education; and Government Operations, Vice Chairman. He is a Republican. Mr. Horne is a managing partner with Horne, Bristow & Dulberg, P.C. law firm. He has served on the Paradise Valley School Board for 22 years and is in his ninth year as president. He and his wife, Martha, have been married for 28 years and have four children.

Representative Barbara Leff



Representative Leff was born in New York. She has been a Paradise Valley resident for 20 years. Representative Leff was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Boston University with a degree in Sociology and received her Master's degree in Social Work from Simmons College. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Representative Leff serves on the following committees: Commerce, Chairman; Health; and Ways and Means. She is a Republican. Ms. Leff is a social worker, a former community college instructor, a former small business owner, and a community volunteer. She received the 2000 Legislator of the Year Award from the National Republican Legislators Association. She has been married to Dr. Edmund Leff for 30 years and has two children.



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Senator Chris Cummiskey

Senator Cummiskey was born August 16, 1964, in Point Pleasant, New Jersey. He has been an Arizona resident 24 years and currently resides in Phoenix. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1990 and was re-elected in 1992. He was elected to the Senate in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Senator Cummiskey serves on the following committees: Finance; Judiciary; and Rules. He also serves as Assistant Minority Leader and chairs the Senate Democratic Caucus. He is a Democrat. Mr. Cummiskey received his B.A. in Communications from Arizona State University in 1987. He has been involved with many community activities, including the Valley Leadership Board of Directors, the Arizona Academy, the Nucleus Club, and the Arizona State University Alumni Association. Mr. Cummiskey is the Director of Development for Southwest Human Development, a children's nonprofit organization in Phoenix.



Representative Kenneth D. Cheuvront

Representative Cheuvront was born May 11, 1961, in Phoenix. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in Phoenix. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. He serves on the following committees: Economic Development; International Trade, Technology and Tourism; and Ways & Means. He is a Democrat. Mr. Cheuvront received his B.A. from Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA, and his Master's degree from the American Graduate School of International Management, Glendale, AZ. He also attended the Institute Études Européenes and the Université National de la Côte d'Ivoire. He is a member of Valley Leadership Class XXVIII and the Arizona Human Rights Fund. Currently he is Vice President of the Atlantic Association of Young Political Leaders, Co-Chair of INLGO, and a board member of COMPAS. Mr. Cheuvront is a general contractor. He has received several awards and is active in his neighborhood and community.



Representative Christine Weason

Representative Weason was born on February 22 and raised in Effingham, Illinois. She currently resides in Phoenix. She received her B.A. in 1986 from, and worked toward her M.A. at, Eastern Illinois Univ., Charleston, Illinois. She spent her senior year at the Univ. of Lancaster in England. She received her J.D. from Whittier College School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, in 1993, where she was on the *Law Review* staff and coordinated the National Assn. of Law Reviews Conference in 1992. She won several honors while in law school. Ms. Weason has served as an attorney in private practice in the areas of personal injury, domestic relations, and custody matters. Representative Weason was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. She serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Environment; Judiciary, ranking member; and Rules. She also serves on the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Joint Committee on Capital Review. She is a Democrat.



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Senator Tom Smith



Senator Smith was born March 16, 1927, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He has been an Arizona resident 32 years and currently resides in Phoenix. He was appointed to the House of Representatives in 1991, was elected in 1992, and was re-elected in 1994 and 1996. He was then elected to the Senate in 1998. Senator Smith serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Education; Judiciary, Vice Chairman; and Rules, Chairman. He is a Republican. Senator Smith holds a B.S. in Business Administration and an M.A. in Education. Mr. Smith is a retired educator, having spent 17 years in the Scottsdale School District and is also a retired Lieutenant Colonel, United States Marine Corps, with 24 years of service. He is married.

Representative Jeff Hatch-Miller



Representative Hatch-Miller was born May 8, 1945, in Modesto, California. He has been an Arizona resident for 24 years. He received his B.A. from California State University at Stanislaus and his doctorate in education from the University of Northern Colorado. He has served as CEO of Communication Dimensions, Inc. and as Community Development Specialist for the University of Arizona. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998 and serves on the following committees: Children and Family Integrated Delivery Systems, Vice Chairman; Health; and Transportation. Mr. Hatch-Miller also serves as the chairman of the Joint Legislative Internet Study Committee. He is a Republican. Rep. Hatch-Miller was named "Freshman Legislator of the Year 2000" by the National Republican Legislator's Association. He is a frequent speaker throughout the country on Internet and technology-related issues. He resides in Paradise Valley with his wife and twin sons.

Representative Steve May



Representative May was born November 29, 1971, in Phoenix. He is an Arizona native. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. He serves on the following committees: Banking and Insurance, Vice Chairman; Commerce; and Education. He is a Republican. Mr. May received a B.A. degree from Claremont McKenna College. He also attended the U.S. Army Chemical Officers' School. He served as a U.S. Army nuclear, biological, and chemical defense officer and is currently in the Army Reserves. He is currently Chief Operating Officer of Wisdom Herbs and the SweetLeaf Company.



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Senator Harry E. Mitchell

Senator Mitchell resides in Tempe. He received a B.A. in political science and an M.P.A. from Arizona State University. He was a teacher at Tempe High School, 1964-1992. Senator Mitchell served on the Tempe City Council, 1970-1978, and was the mayor of Tempe, 1978-1994. He has served on numerous Tempe and state boards and committees and has received many awards. Senator Mitchell was elected to the Senate in 1998. He serves on the following committees: Commerce, Agriculture and Natural Resources; Financial Institutions and Retirement; and Government and Environmental Stewardship. He is a Democrat.



Representative Mike G. Gardner

Representative Gardner was born May 23, 1964, in Safford. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in Tempe. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and was reelected in 1996 and 1998. Representative Gardner serves on the following committees: Education; Government Operations, Chairman; and Ways & Means. He is a Republican. He is married.



Representative Laura Knaperek

Representative Knaperek was born July 12, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. She has been an Arizona resident 21 years and currently resides in Tempe. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Representative Knaperek serves on the following committees: Children and Family Integrated Delivery Systems, Chairman; Education; and Human Services, Vice Chairman. She is a Republican. Mrs. Knaperek attended Mesa Community College and is currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts program at Western Illinois University. Mrs. Knaperek was an executive administrator with the Arizona Consortium for Children with Chronic Illness. She also served on the Kyrene School District Governing Board. She is married.



(N.E. Maricopa and a tiny piece of Yavapai Counties)



Senator Randall E. Gnant



Senator Gnant was born October 15, 1945, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has been an Arizona resident 15 years and currently resides in Scottsdale. He was elected to the Senate in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Senator Gnant serves on the following committees: Appropriations, Chairman; Commerce, Agriculture and Natural Resources; and Financial Institutions and Retirement. He is a Republican. Senator Gnant received a B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He did Master's and Doctoral graduate studies at Kent State University in Ohio. Mr. Gnant is an entrepreneur/businessman. He wrote and published the fourth edition of the legislation process in the Arizona Senate *From Idea* ... *To Bill* ... *To Law*, 1998. He is married to Leslie and has two daughters.

Representative Carolyn S. Allen



Representative Allen was born September 8 in Hannibal, Missouri. She has been an Arizona resident 20 years and currently resides in Scottsdale. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Representative Allen serves on the following committees: Environment, Chairman; Health; and Human Services. She is a Republican. Mrs. Allen is a former professional fund raiser. She is a member of Women 2000; vice chairman of Human Services, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); Advisory Council member, McDowell Sonoran Land Trust; member of the Desert Foothills Land Trust; member of the McDowell Park Association; and a member of the Women's Network, NCSL. She also serves on several other boards. She and her husband, Jack, have one son and one granddaughter.

Representative Wesley Marsh



Representative Marsh was born November 3, 1961, in Tallahassee, Florida. He has been an Arizona resident 12 years and currently resides in Scottsdale. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Representative Marsh serves on the following committees: Commerce; Rules, Chairman; Transportation; and Veterans and Military Affairs. He is a Republican. Mr. Marsh is a health care executive. He is married.



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Senator David Petersen

Senator Petersen was born September 20, 1950, in Mesa. He is an Arizona native and currently resides in Mesa. He was elected to the Senate in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. Senator Petersen serves on the following committees: Education; Family Services, Chairman; Government and Environmental Stewardship; and Health, Vice Chairman. He is a Republican. Mr. Petersen is involved with financial services. He attended Arizona State University and the University of Phoenix. He and his wife, Patti, have eight children.



Representative Mark Anderson

Representative Anderson was born November 23, 1954, in Reserve, New Mexico. He has been an Arizona resident 26 years and currently resides in Mesa. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and re-elected 1996 and 1998. Representative Anderson serves on the following committees: Children and Family Integrated Delivery Systems; Education; Human Services, Chairman; and Transportation. Mr. Anderson also serves on the State Constitutional Commemoration Committee and the Domestic Relations Reform Committee. He is on the Arizona Advisory Board for the Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and serves on the National Advisory Committee on Responsible Fatherhood for the National Conference of State Legislatures. In addition, Mr. Anderson is a board member of the Arizona Parenting Alliance. He is a Republican. Mr. Anderson received a B.A. degree from Regents College. He owns and operates a travel business. He and his wife, Lucia, have three children.



Representative Galen Updike



Representative Updike was appointed in 2000 to complete the unexpired term of Wayne Gardner. Mr. Updike serves on the Appropriations Committee. He is a Republican. Mr. Updike is a senior account manager and sales executive.

Representative Wayne Gardner

Representative Gardner was born May 19, 1947, in Mesa, Arizona. He is an Arizona native. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. He served on the following committees: Appropriations; Government Reform, Vice Chairman; and Ways and Means, Vice Chairman. He is a Republican. Mr. Gardner resigned from the House in 2000.



(S.E. Maricopa County)



Senator Tom Freestone



Senator Freestone has been a resident of Arizona since his birth in Mesa in 1938. He first entered the political arena as constable from 1968 through 1972 and then served as manager of the Maricopa County Auto License Bureau, and as chief deputy recorder and then county recorder for Maricopa County until 1978. He was appointed to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors in 1978 and served until 1993 when he was appointed to the Board of Executive Clemency. He was elected to the Senate in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Senator Freestone serves on the following committees: Government and Environmental Stewardship, Chairman; Judiciary; and Transportation. Mr. Freestone has been active in many nonpartisan community activities, serving on 63 commissions, boards, and committees. He currently works in real estate. He and his wife, the former Phyllis Rogers, have four children and 13 grandchildren.

Representative Jeff Groscost



Speaker of the House Groscost was born April 29, 1961, and is a fifth-generation Arizonan. Following in the footsteps of his great, great-grandfather, Jesse N. Smith who served in the 19th Territorial Legislature in the late 1800s, Speaker Groscost was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994, 1996, and 1998. A Republican, Speaker Groscost serves as Chairman of the Legislative Council. He also serves as a board member of the Mesa United Way and as a precinct committeeman. He is an Eagle Scout and remains active in the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Groscost volunteers as a youth coach and board member of the Mesa Family YMCA. He attended Mesa Community College, Brigham Young University, and Arizona State University. Mr. Groscost owns a precious gem wholesale firm and a consulting company. He and his wife, Dana, and their five children live in Mesa.

Representative Karen Johnson



Representative Johnson was born January 13, 1941, in Bloomington, Illinois. She has been an Arizona resident 40 years and is currently residing in Mesa. She attended college for two years at Arizona State University, the University of Arizona, and Northland Pioneer College. She also trained at the U.S. Forest Service school in Continental Divide, New Mexico. Mrs. Johnson has worked for the Governor's Office, Maricopa County Supervisor Tom Freestone, House Majority Whip David Schweikert, and Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. She also served as the state chairman for the Buchanan for President campaign in 1996. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Representative Johnson serves on the following committees: Appropriations; Federal Mandates and States' Rights, Chairman; and Rules, Vice Chairman. She is a Republican. Mrs. Johnson and her husband have 11 children and 19 grandchildren.